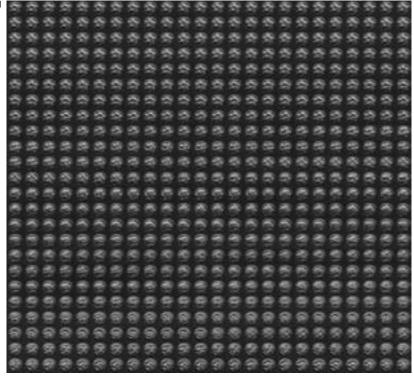
Studying the earliest stages of embryo development has helped improve the success rate of in vitro fertilization. Events in the first few days of development might also underlie common diseases.



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